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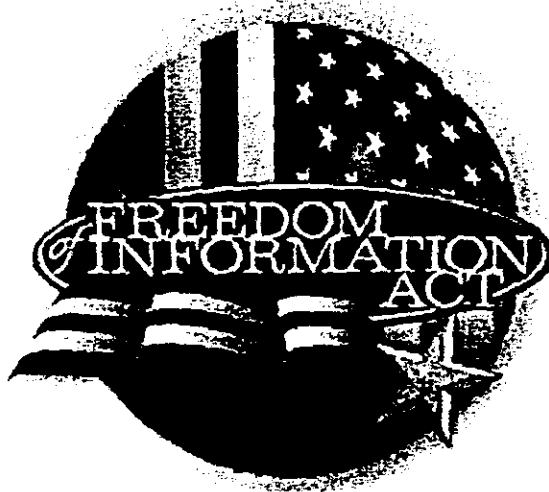
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June 7, 1936

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Attached hereto are the following communications, which were recently received by Mr. Walter Winchell of the Daily Mirror, New York, New York:

Postal card postmarked at New York, New York, May 25th, and bearing the return address:

Communication written on a Western Union message form, beginning "Hell-O - Walter or Mark", together with the envelope in which it was mailed, postmarked at New York, New York, May 25th.

It is desired that the above be searched through the file of anonymous communications and that any identification made be reported to Division One by memorandum.

It is not desired that the communications forwarded herewith be processed for latent fingerprints, inasmuch as they have been handled by an unknown number of individuals.

Very truly yours,

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Laboratory Report

Case: Re: Anonymous communication to
Walter Winchell.

Number: 62-44025-1

Specimens:

- 62-44025-1 A. Postal card postmarked at New York, N.Y., Sta. x, May 25, 2:30 AM
- " B. Western Union message form, beginning: "HELL - O U - Walter or Mark--".
- " C. Envelope postmarked, New York----, Sta. x, May 25, 2:30 AM.

Examination requested by: Director

Date received: 6-12-36 jwp 11:00 AM

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

ANSWER BY MEMO. TO DIVISION ONE.

Searched through anon file and compared with previous letters to Walter Winchell, but no ident.

Phrasing indicates a possible connection with post card to Winchell postmarked May 6, 1936, 8 AM # 9-1805-1A. Don't believe written by same person though. The phrase

instant specimens are somewhat incoherent

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*ano
6-17-36
J.F.P.*

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June 9, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith are photographic copies of the following communications recently received by Mr. Walter Winchell of the Daily Mirror, New York, New York:

A postal card postmarked at New York City, May 25, 1936, which bears the return address [redacted] and begins "Yes - You Birds".

A communication written on a Western Union message form, dated 5/25/36 time 12:40 Midnite, beginning "Hell-O U Walter o' Mark", together with the envelope in which it was received.

You will note that this envelope bears the following printed return address in the upper left hand corner: "After Five Days Return To [redacted]"

However, it is postmarked at New York City, May 25, 1936, and above the printed return address appears "Phone [redacted]" which is evidently a "Murray Hill" number, and below the printed return address appears the notation "Return add. on Back". On the reverse side of the envelope the following is written:

"a/o Landlord", which, it will be noted, is the same return address as given on the postal card. The following notation also appears on the reverse side of the envelope: [redacted]

[redacted] possibly refers to [redacted] Stamped on the back of the envelope are certain words which apparently were made with a rubber stamp used by a Milwaukee service station.

It is desired that the writer of these communications be located and that he be vigorously interviewed to ascertain his purpose in forwarding such messages.

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- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

Handwritten notes: "S D", "135", "air", "b-6", "b7c"

Handwritten signature: "C. E. Hoover"

Handwritten file number: "62-44025-2"

TO MR HOOVER THIS MAN SOUNDS NUTZ ANYWAY HE SIGNS HIS NAME AND ADDRESS. ANYTHING BE DONE ABOUT IT JOHN?

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- Mr. Nathan
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Ack
Set. NYC Off.
Memo. Tech. Lab.
6/9/36. JAS

*1 envelope
to O. J.*

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From Winchell, cat

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PLEASE
Return add. on top

Mr. Walter Winchell
& Marshall Kellinger
DAILY DIRROW
N.Y.C.

NEW YORK
MAY 25
1936



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or

P.P.S.

Both of Wanda's read
this.

P.S.

They were at the All Ireland Ball Room

5 hrs -
friendly
argument.

P.S. catholic Boy just

Borrowed my my my my
likes Stants clear & dot

4 Boy's 2 kids in Lanna's conference
Lanna is clearing, 12⁰⁰ after midnight

b/c
b/c

Your
YES Personal
not funny
list down

Mr. Mark & Walter

N.Y. Daily Mirror

N.Y.C.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



700
700

D

5/25/36 12⁵⁰ MIONITE

Yes - You Birds
 Print my
 letter W. V.
 Paper.

I will be down 5/25/36 to put admin YOUR PAPER
 I don't know. But believe you are both yellow
 I will pay for it
 even if I am
 Broke My
 credit is good here in NY.

Written a
 By a yellow team

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June 9, 1936

Mr. Walter Winchell,
Ambassador Hotel, W.
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Walter:

I am in receipt of your recent note with which you forwarded a postal card, together with a note written on a Western Union message form and the envelope in which it was mailed, both the postal card and the envelope being postmarked at New York, New York, May 25th, and bearing the return address [redacted]

From examination, it appears that the postal card and note probably were written by the same individual.

Appropriate investigation will be conducted to ascertain if there is involved in this matter any violation of Federal law under which this Bureau conducts investigations.

With best wishes and kind regards,

I am

Cordially,



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- Mr. Nathan _____
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- Chief Clerk _____
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JOHN EDGAR HOO
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 17, 1936

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Mr. Nathan	_____
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Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Foxworth	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
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Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Gandy	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

Re: Anonymous communications to
Walter Winchell. Bureau's
File #62-44025.

Reference is made to the memorandum of June 9, 1936 from the
Director to the Technical Laboratory transmitting two communications recently
received by Mr. Walter Winchell of the Daily Mirror, New York, New York.
These specimens are listed as follows in the Laboratory's file:

62-44025-1

- A. Postal card postmarked "New York, New York, Station X, May 25, _____, 2:30 A. M."
- B. Western Union message form, beginning "Hell - Q U - Walter or Mark_____".
- C. Envelope postmarked, "New York, _____, Station X, May 25, _____, 2:30 A. M."

These specimens have been compared with the various specimens in the anonymous letter file maintained in the Laboratory and with communications previously received by Mr. Winchell, but no identification has been effected.

_____ the examiner in this case, states that the phraseology of the communications indicates a possible connection with the postal card addressed to Mr. Winchell, postmarked May 6, 1936 and listed in the Laboratory's file as specimen 9-1805-1A. Attention is called to the rather incoherent nature of the instant communications as compared to the postal card previously received.

A photographic copy of this handwriting will be placed in the anonymous letter file.

Photographic copies of these specimens designated in the Laboratory's file as specimens 62-44025-1 A, B and C are attached hereto.

Respectfully,
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E. P. Coffey.
E. P. Coffey.

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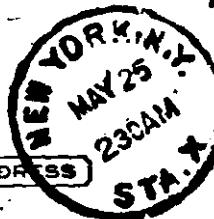
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Handwritten signatures and initials, including "E. P. Coffey" and "B. Mal".



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Mark B. Walter
N.Y. Daily Mirror
N.Y.C.

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YES Personal
Do not funny
ask your
rel.

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC TELEGRAM	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

R. B. WHITE
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NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. S. WILLYER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

WESTERN UNION

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

5/25/36 time 1240 MIDNITE

HELL - 0 U - Walter on my side - in my Black

Street and No. Appt - you are yellow a little PAT

Place As I believe you trust Christ Bible

are - yes, I admit it, he was my blood

brothers - don't you like it. The words

chosen people disowned him - now you

know do the same - yes, I believe you

will - if your paper isn't yellow

print this

So see my sister at

V - know So to

of you oh, I have a copy;

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE.

Sender's telephone number

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P.P.S. Both of V Bird's Read this.

P.S. they were at the All Ireland Ball Room

Spoke-friendly argument.

P.S. catholic Boy just Borrowed my mirror likes Giants clew, & Det 4 Boy's 2 Girls in Sam's confectionery Sam is closing. 12⁰⁰ after midnite

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b7c

Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Dept. of Justice - 62-11025-1 C.

PHONE

Return add. on

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Mr. Walter Winchell
& Mark Hellinger

DAILY MIRROR

N.Y.C.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK CITY**

H.Y. FILE NO. 9-218

REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/25/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/15-17/36	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
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TITLE: WALTER WINCHELL - Victim	CHARACTER OF CASE: EXTORTION
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] wrote card to victim at stationery store of [REDACTED] New York City. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] home is in [REDACTED] On 6/25/36 [REDACTED] made ridiculous complaint Police Hdqrs., N.Y.C., and was committed to Bellevue Hospital for observation. Case diagnosed as manic depressive and manic psychosis. Transferred from Bellevue Hospital 6/5/36 to Manhattan State Hospital, Wards Island, New York, for treatment. Arrangements being made to return him to [REDACTED].

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated 6/9/36.

DETAILS:

The above reference letter with photographic enclosures reflects that subject had written nonsensical post card and letter on Western Union blank to WALTER WINCHELL and MARK WELLINGER of the Daily Mirror, New York. The number "M.H. 21006" appearing on the envelope was checked and found to be the telephone number of the New York Daily Mirror.

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. Whitley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-440757-5	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUN 26 1936
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The writer interviewed [redacted] New York, N.Y., at which address he conducts a soda and stationery store. [redacted] advised that he recalls that several weeks ago a young man entered his store at about midnight and sat at a table for about an hour; that he purchased a postal card on which he wrote; that during the time he was writing on the card he was talking to himself, and [redacted] recalls that he mentioned something about the Daily Mirror and ABRAHAM COHEN, Editor of the Jewish Forward, a New York daily paper; that he also mentioned the name of ex-President Hoover. [redacted] stated that this man attempted to show him the card on which he had written but that he [redacted] paid no attention to him as he believed he was crazy, judging from his actions. He advised that this was the first and last time that he had ever seen this man.

Agent interviewed [redacted] New York, N.Y., which address was the return address appearing on one of the cards. [redacted] stated that about three weeks ago a young man named [redacted] had stopped at her house for one night; that her husband met [redacted] through some friend, named [redacted] who formerly lived at [redacted] New York City. She advised that [redacted] who conducts a stationery store [redacted] near [redacted] New York City, could furnish [redacted] present address.

[redacted] further advised that [redacted] talked like a crazy man and that she had later heard that he was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

Agent interviewed [redacted] who advised [redacted] had stopped in his store on one or two occasions and had acted very peculiar; that he believed that he was mentally unbalanced. [redacted] furnished the present address of [redacted] as being [redacted] New York, N.Y.

[redacted] was interviewed by agent [redacted] New York City. She advised that [redacted] formerly lived in [redacted] that [redacted] and her husband had known each other from childhood, as her husband originally came from [redacted]. She stated that about two years ago [redacted] met with an automobile accident and received a fractured skull and since that time he has been mentally unbalanced. She stated that he has been writing letters to various people, and that about three weeks ago the police had informed her that [redacted] had been taken to Bellevue Hospital for observation.

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[redacted] identified the handwriting appearing on the card and letter addressed to victim as the handwriting of subject. She stated that her husband visited [redacted] at Bellevue Hospital and furnished the Hospital authorities with information as to the address of [redacted] relatives in [redacted]

The records [redacted] reflect that on May 25, 1936, at 7:15 P.M., [redacted] called at Police Headquarters, New York City, and stated that the Western Union refused to accept a telegram which read as follows:

"Please send me 25 bills. Want to build a jail using me as the bottom"

whereupon he was taken to Bellevue Hospital by Police Officer [redacted] Badge No. [redacted] of the 5th Precinct, and was later committed for observation by Judge VALENTI. The records further reflect that subject's case was diagnosed as manic depressive and manic psychosis.

On June 2, 1936 [redacted] of Bellevue Hospital addressed a letter to subject's mother, [redacted]

[redacted] advising her that subject was mentally sick and was presently confined at the Bellevue Hospital, but was to be transferred on June 5, 1936 to the Manhattan State Hospital, Wards Island, New York, for treatment.

Inquiries at Manhattan State Hospital, Wards Island, New York, developed that arrangements were being made to send subject to his home in [redacted] but that no date had been set as yet for his departure.

Description of subject, as obtained from the records of [redacted] is as follows:

Age: [redacted]
Height: [redacted]
Weight: [redacted]
Eyes: [redacted]
Hair: [redacted]
Complexion: [redacted]
Marital Status: [redacted]
Borne: [redacted]

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July 3, 1936.

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Mr. Walter Mitchell,
Ambassador Hotel,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Walter:

You will recall that by letter dated June 9, 1936, I acknowledged receipt of a certain postal card, together with a note written on a Western Union message form and the enclosing envelope, which had been forwarded by you. You will further recall that both the postal card and the envelope were postmarked at New York City, May 25th and bore the return address [redacted] and that the [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] address of [redacted]

Investigation conducted in New York City has indicated that the communications received by you were written by [redacted] a young man twenty-three years of age who, on May 25, 1936, made a ridiculous complaint at Police Headquarters, New York City, and was thereafter committed to Bellevue Hospital for observation. His case was diagnosed as acute depressive and manic psychosis. Arrangements are being made to return him to [redacted]

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It therefore appears that you will not be further troubled by communications written by this individual and that there is involved in this matter no apparent violation of Federal law under which this Bureau conducts investigation.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Cordially,

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 3, 1936.

JAS:MO
62-44025

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: [REDACTED]
Walter Winchell, Victim; Extortion.

You will recall that on May 27, 1936, there was received from Mr. Walter Winchell a postal card postmarked at New York City, May 25th, which bore the return address [REDACTED] together with another communication written on a Western Union message form, dated May 25, 1936.

In the communications received Mr. Winchell was referred to in derogatory language.

Investigation recently conducted by the New York Office indicates that the communications mentioned were written by one [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] who was recently committed to Bellevue Hospital, New York City, for observation. His case was diagnosed as manic depressive and manic psychosis. Arrangements are being made to return [REDACTED] to [REDACTED].

Mr. Winchell is being accordingly advised.

Respectfully,

J. A. Smith Jr.
J. A. Smith, Jr.

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